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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW

Sir:

Pre-appeal review is requested because the reason for maintaining the rejection is that the argued limitations are not set forth in the claims. However, in the case of claims 11 and 21, they indisputably are set forth in the claims and, therefore, there is no basis for the maintenance of the rejection.

Specifically, claim 11 calls for an article comprising a medium storing instructions that, if executed, "enable a server to:" do four things. Those four things including assigning distributed computing tasks, estimating based on the client's resource at the time when the device is to complete an assigned task, and, most importantly, determining whether the task is completed after said time and, if not, determine why the task was not completed. In other words, claim 11 is explicit that the software must enable a server to determine whether the task is completed after

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the time and, if not, determine why the task was not completed. Therefore, the position taken in the advisory action is indefensible with respect to claim 11.

Likewise, claim 21 calls for a server. The server has a storage which, among other things, determines whether a task is completed after said time and, if not, determines why the task was not completed. Again, it is indisputable that it must be the server that determines whether the task on the client is completed, not the client.

In short, the argument that the determination of why the task was not completed may be done on the client or the server does not work with respect to claims 11 and 21. Therefore, these claims and their dependent claims should be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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